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"Forget pedigree or status, I just want to be together..."

Despite his intense love for Katsuragi, Akihito moves along marriage talks with a young lady of the Sajou ducal family. Focused on the future, Akihito asks a friend of his father's, Ishizaki, to play go-between for the marriage talks. However, Ishizaki gives the condition, "In exchange, I want Katsuragi Tomoyuki"!! At the same time, the former houseboy, Amamiya, discovers materials related to Katsuragi's birth!?

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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
OH, KATSURAGI-SAMA.
CHIYONO
I ASSUME THAT THE LETTERS ON THE PLATE ARE FROM THE BANK
WHY ARE THEY IN THE HANDS OF A HEAD MAID?
YOU'RE AWARE OF THAT ALL THE HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT AFFAIRS SHOULD GO THROUGH ME.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGY.
I JUST CAN'T LET YOU HAVE THEM.
I RECEIVED ORDERS IN PERSON FROM THE MASTER.
...NO, I CAN'T.
YES... I'M SO SORRY
BUT,
HAND THEM TO ME.
FROM AKIHITO-SAMA?
I WAS INSTRUCTED VERY FIRMLY THAT ALL THE FORMAL LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE KUZE...
SHOULD BE DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO THE MASTER FROM NOW ON.
THIS CAN'T BE

I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYTHING ABOUT THIS
TO BEGIN WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE BANK WON'T ALLOW HIM TO...
I HEARD HE'D TALKED TO THEM ALREADY
WHAT?
KAT-SURAGI-SAMA
PARDON ME FOR SAYING...
BUT THESE LETTERS ARE ADDRESSED TO THE MASTER... NOT TO YOU
HE ALSO SAID TO ME HE'D TAKE A LOOK AT THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS EVERY MONTH FROM NOW ON
KATSURAGI-SAMA, PLEASE UNDERSTAND

AND PLEASE COMPLY WITH HIS ORDERS.

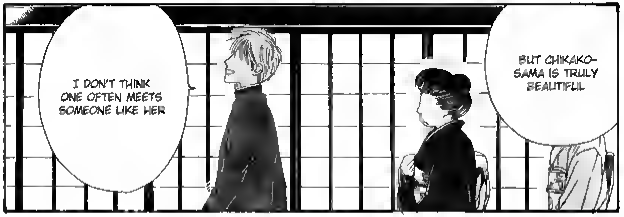
I'LL NEVER BEAT YOU, CHIKAKO-SAMA.
OH, I LOST AGAIN.

YOU'RE TRULY GOOD AT IT VISCOUNT I'M QUITE SURPRISED
BUT AREN'T YOU BORED WITH PLAYING THIS ALL THE TIME?
OH, THAT'S NOT TRUE
NOT AT ALL
THIS REMINDS ME OF THOSE DAYS
WHEN I WAS SMALL RATHER THAN PLAYING WITH THE OTHER BOYS I PLAYED KAIAWASE* WITH MY MOTHER A LOT.
click
REALLY! PART OF HER DOWRY!
IT WAS ONE OF MY MOTHER'S TROUSSEAU AND A VERY HAPPY MEMORY FOR ME
OH!
KAIAWASE!

*T/N A card game played with seashells popular in Heian period

MARVELOUS...
I'VE NEVER PLAYED WITH MY MOTHER.
I MUST ADMIT I AM JEALOUS.
IT'S JUST THAT MY FAMILY WAS RATHER STRANGE
BY THE WAY CHIKAKO-SAMA
IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS SINCE WE MET FIRST.
PLEASE CALL ME "AKIHITO" INSTEAD OF "VISCOUNT"
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT I SHOULD DO WITH MY DEAR LADY
creak
creak

I WONDER WHAT THE MASTER IS THINKING OF
Grumble
Grumble
I TOLD HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT A MERE RURAL DAIMYOU* FAMILY WOULD NEVER MATCH WELL WITH THE SAJOU FAMILY
Grumble
Grumble
Grumble



*TN Daimyou: countryside nobility in charge of fiefs. This title is a leave-over from the previous era and therefore either very poor or very low-ranked nobility

TAMURA!
DON'T TELL ME THEY DIDN'T LET YOU IN.
WELL... SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
IT WAS... JUST...
...!
WHY ARE YOU WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE?
...
IT WAS MY FAULT FOR NOT REALIZING.
SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING.
NOT AT ALL!
PLEASE DON'T GIVE IT A THOUGHT!
rattle
clap
clap
clap
IT WAS CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT THE OLD WOMAN WAS NOT HAPPY TO LET ME IN THE HOUSE
Ushered out of the backdoor even though I'm a guest
MASTER
THE SAJOU FAMILY IS RANKED HIGHEST AMONG THE COURT NOBLES IT'S REASONABLE FOR THEM TO TREAT US THIS WAY

I'D SAY YOU SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT KATSURAGI-SAMA WITH YOU INSTEAD OF ME.
KATSURAGI-SAMA IS THE RIGHT PERSON TO ACCOMPANY YOU AT THIS CRITICAL TIME.
THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY TRUE
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
I'VE MADE APPOINTMENTS WITH MARQUIS OF MORIYAMA AND BARON OOKOUCHI.

LET US DROP BY THE ISHIZAKI LATER ON.
CaHHe
CaHHe
CaHHe
CaHHe

THAT'LL DO
FROM NOW ON I'LL START PAYING VISITS MYSELF TO THE MORIYAMA
AND—

FINALLY IT'S WINTER.

IT'S SHIVERING COLD I HATE IT.
BUT IT'S STILL BETTER THAN THE WINTER IN NEW YORK.
I'M LONGING FOR SPRING.
HOW ABOUT YOU, KIKU-SAN?
WHEN SPRING COMES IT'LL BE COVERED WITH PLUM BLOSSOMS ALL AROUND HERE
IT'S GOING TO SMELL LIKE HEAVEN!
YOU REFUSE TO SAY ANYTHING?
A LITTLE SMALL TALKING SHOULD BE FINE BY NOW...

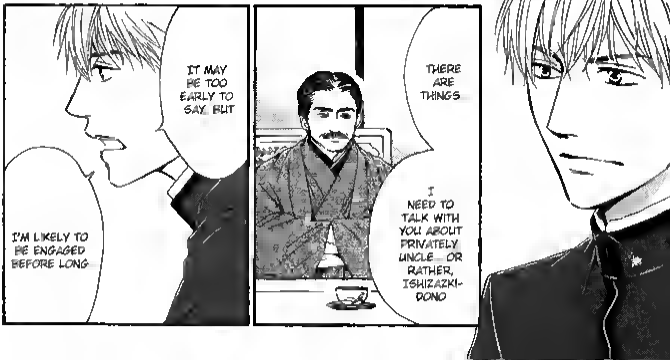
HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE KUZE AND PAID A FORMAL VISIT?
AFTER YOU RETIRED, DID YOU BECOME COMPLETELY MUTE?
WHEN YOU WERE A HEAD OF THE HOUSEMAIDS IN THE KUZE, YOU WERE ON THE NOISY SIDE.
I VISITED THE GRAVE OF THE FORMER MASTER
I ASSUME YOU'VE NOT MET THE MASTER
WHEN I WAS PRAYING WITH MY HANDS PRESSED TOGETHER, I FELT LIKE MANY OF HIS WORDS WERE FLASHING IN FRONT OF ME.
Over and over
WELL THE MASTER..
creak

KIKU-SAN
THE FORMER MASTER WAS A STRICTLY TRADITIONAL PERSON, WASN'T HE?
HE LOOKED ELEGANT AND REFINED BUT HE WAS A MAN OF FEUDALISTIC IDEALS.
WELL THAT PART OF HIM TOO MADE HIM A TRULY FASCINATING MAN.
AMA-MIYA-SAN

I'M AFRAID IT'S GETTING LATE
PLEASE BE ON YOUR WAY SOON
MY MY
AREN'T YOU READY TO GIVE IN YET?
I'VE BEEN VISITING YOU FOR ALMOST THREE MONTHS
I'M NOT HERE TO WAX NOSTALGIC WITH YOU
I'D REALLY LIKE YOU TO HELP ME FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE OF TOMOYUKI-SAMA
SORRY FOR VISITING YOU THIS LATE IN THE EVENING

I DON'T KNOW WHERE SOUICHIROU WENT ON SOME OUTING I SUPPOSE
I GUESS HE'LL BE BACK IN TIME FOR HIS CURFEW
NOT AT ALL
I'M AVAILABLE ANY TIME FOR YOU VISCOUNT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SEE ME

WELL?
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU WANTED TO TALK UP WITH ME STRAIGHT AWAY?

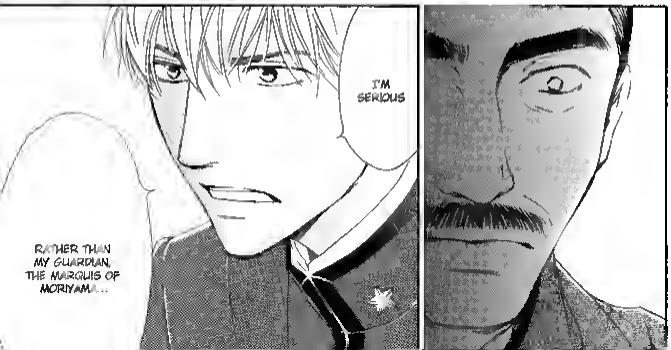

IT MAY BE TOO EARLY TO SAY, BUT
I'M LIKELY TO BE ENGAGED BEFORE LONG
THERE ARE THINGS
I NEED TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT PRIVATELY UNCLE... OR RATHER, ISHIZAKI-DONO

THE SAJOU FAMILY! MY GOODNESS...
SHE IS A STUDENT IN THE LADIES' CLASS AT SCHOOL, AND STILL ONLY FIFTEEN YEARS OLD.
SHE IS THE SIXTH DAUGHTER OF DUKE OF SAJOU, CHIKAKO-SAMA.
!
WITH WHO?
THE DUKE APPEARS TO BE RECEPTIVE,
BUT THE LADY OF THE HOUSE IS STRONGLY OPPOSING IT
BUT I CAN'T MAKE IT OFFICIAL YET
Hmmm...
IT'S A MOST ADVANTAGEOUS MATCH THE KUZE
I'VE NEVER IMAGINED THE SAJOU FAMILY WOULD...
IN ANY CASE, IT'S HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION... THAT'S GOOD.

KATSURAGI-KUN MUST BEEN DELIGHTED WITH THE NEWS
— WELL, YES
I GUESS HE'S HAPPY ABOUT THAT
WHAT HE WANTS IS TO BRING THE KUZE A HIGHER TITLE

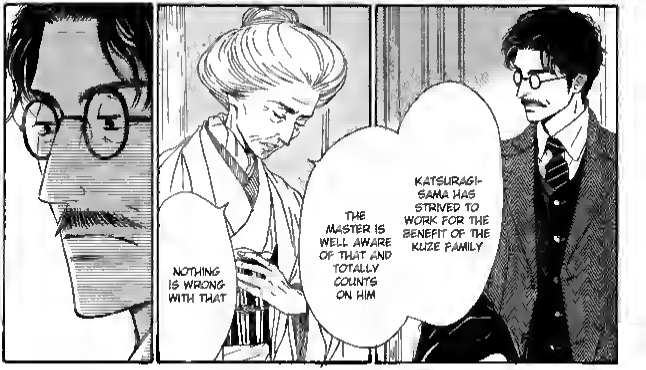
I'M SURE YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANT ME TO DO, OR YOU WOULDN'T HAVE DROPPED BY SPECIFICALLY TO INFORM ME OF THE NEWS
TAP
TAP
SO?
WHAT DID YOU WANT FROM ME?

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'D LIKE YOU, THE ISHIZAKI FAMILY, TO ACT AS A GO-BETWEEN.
WELL DONE. YOU SAW THROUGH ME.


I'M SERIOUS
RATHER THAN MY GUARDIAN, THE MARQUIS OF MORIYAMA...

I SINCERELY ASK YOU, THE HEAD OF THE ISHIZAKI FAMILY,
TO SUPPORT ME FROM HERE ON.
AMAMIYA-SAN.

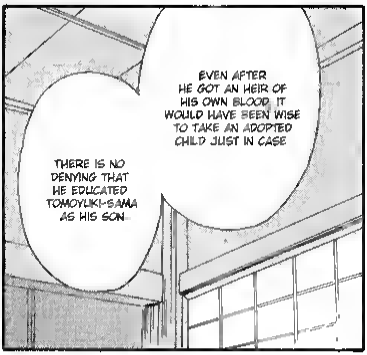
IT'S BEST FOR TOMOYUKI-S, M... TO REMAIN WITH THE KUZE FAMILY AS HE DOES NOW.

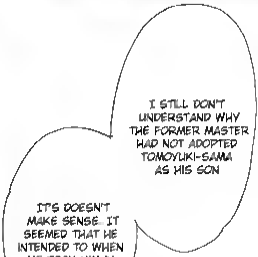

KATSURAGI-SAMA HAS STRIVED TO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE KUZE FAMILY
THE MASTER IS WELL AWARE OF THAT AND TOTALLY COUNTS ON HIM
NOTHING IS WRONG WITH THAT

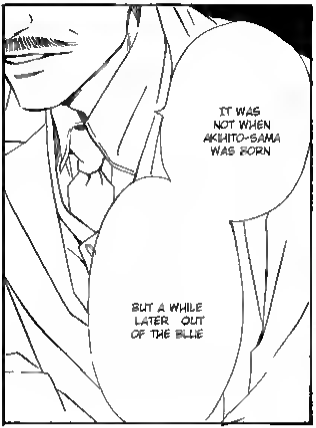
creak
...KIKU-SAN. I THINK...

SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY WRONG THAT'S WHY I KEEP VISITING YOU

A MAN OF INTELLIGENCE AND TALENT LIKE TOMOYUKI-SAMA SHOULDN'T RESIGN HIMSELF TO BEING A BUTLER.
A BUTLER IS NOTHING BUT A SERVANT.


EVEN AFTER HE GOT AN HEIR OF HIS OWN BLOOD, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WISE TO TAKE AN ADOPTED CHILD JUST IN CASE
THERE IS NO DENYING THAT HE EDUCATED TOMOYUKI-SAMA AS HIS SON.


I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE FORMER MASTER HAD NOT ADOPTED TOMOYUKI-SAMA AS HIS SON
IT'S DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. IT SEEMED THAT HE INTENDED TO WHEN HE TOOK HIM IN


IT WAS NOT WHEN AKIHITO-SAMA WAS BORN
BUT A WHILE LATER. OUT OF THE BLUE

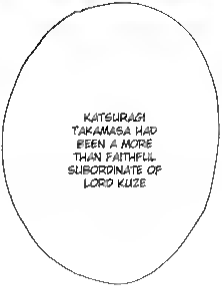
BUT ONE DAY... THE FORMER MASTER TURNED HIS BACK ON TOMOYUKI-SAMA AND STARTED TO TREAT HIM COLDLY.

...I'VE BEEN THINKING,
THAT TOMOYUKI-SAMA
MIGHT NOT BE A CHILD OF THE OFFICIAL WIFE OF THE KATSURAGI.
—WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
IN OTHER WORDS, HE WOULD NOT HAVE BLOODLINE OF THE HEAD FAMILY OF THE KUZE.
THE FORMER MASTER COULD NOT HAVE OVERLOOKED IT.
HE'D BROKEN OFF THE RELATIONSHIP EVEN WITH HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW BECAUSE HE IS NOT FROM NOBLE BLOODLINE.
LET ALONE A CHILD OF A MISTRESS IN THE BRANCH FAMILY!
IT'S REASONABLE FOR HIM TO CUT OFF RELATIONS WITH THE KATSURAGI FAMILY.

WHY DID KITSURAGI TAKAMASA, THE FORMER MASTER OF THE KATSURAGI FAMILY, LEAVE TOMOYUKI-SAMA WITH THE KUZE FAMILY?
BUT STILL...
THERE IS SOMETHING I CAN'T FIGURE OUT

But it doesn't matter if he's handsome or not
He's not beautiful though.
THERE IS ALREADY A SECOND SON IN THE KUZE FAMILY
HE COULD HAVE CONFESSED THE TRUTH IN THE FIRST PLACE

DO YOU THINK SUCH A MAN WOULD EVER BETRAY HIS FORMER MASTER?


KATSURAGI TAKAMASA HAD BEEN A MORE THAN FAITHFUL SUBORDINATE OF LORD KUZE

KIKU-SAN
I'M NOT A FOOL
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU HIDING?
...VISCOUNT.

ARE YOU QUITE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
YOU WANT ME AS YOUR GO-BETWEEN?
THE MARQUIS OF MORIYAMA IS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL MAN AROUND TODAY
IT'S THANKS TO MORIYAMA'S PROTECTION THAT YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN SO FORTUNATE!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE WILLING TO LET ME A MERE MERCHANT PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE RATHER THAN HIM?
EXACTLY

MORIYAMA'S POWER AND MONEY ARE AT THEIR PEAK RIGHT NOW
IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO BE PREPARED FOR THE TIME WHEN HIS NAME IS NO LONGER INFLUENTIAL
IN A FEW YEARS
WHEN I REACH ADULT-HOOD, YOUR BUSINESS WILL HAVE EXPANDED GREATLY
WHEN THE TIME COMES, I DON'T INTEND TO STAY UNDER THE WING OF THE MORIYAMA, KILLING MY TIME FOOLING AROUND AT BORING PARTIES.
I HOPE TO SEE A WHOLE NEW WORLD ABOARD ONE OF THE SHIPS OR THE TRAINS YOU INTEND TO MAKE.

IN ANY CASE
WHEN DID YOU COME UP WITH THIS IDEA?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I NEED TO KNOW
chuckle
BUT IT'S VERY
INTRIGUING
VISC-OUNT...
I FEEL LIKE...
AS IF I'M TALKING WITH KATSURAGI-KUN
!

YOU'RE A MUCH MORE SHREWD INDIVIDUAL THAN I ASSUMED
VISCOUNT
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GOOD AT KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES
I AGREE WITH YOUR OBSERVATION THAT THE MORIYAMA IS PAST ITS PRIME
THEN...
HOW-EVER!
WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR DRAWING CRITICISM
BUT I PROMISE I'LL SUPPORT YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN

I HAVE ONE CONDITION
A CONDITION.
WHAT CAN IT BE? I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN
THERE IS NO ONE THAT I CAN TRUST ENOUGH TO BE MY RIGHT ARM
...?
I'VE BEEN ENVIOUS OF YOU THAT YOU HAVE ONE.
VISCOUNT
KATSURAGI-KUN IS NOT NEEDED BY THE KUZE ANYMORE

...HUH?
YOU CAN EXPECT ALL KINDS OF SUPPORT FROM ME
MONEY, AND YOU NAME IT. I'LL PREPARE EVERYTHING AS MUCH AS YOU NEED
IN RETURN,
I'D LIKE TO TAKE KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI INTO MY FAMILY!
THAT'S ALL. I WOULD ASK AS YOUR GUARDIAN.

"KATSU-RAGI-SAMA,"
"WE'RE REALLY SORRY."
"WE WERE INSTRUCTED BY THE MASTER HIMSELF WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING BY NOW BUT TO OBEY HIS WORDS."
"FROM NOW ON, WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU TO WAIT FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH HIM ONLY AFTER RECEIVING PERMISSION FROM VISCOUNT KUZE."

OPEN THE DOOR
YOU'RE THERE AREN'T YOU?
KATSURAGI
knock
I HAD WORK TO DO BUT IT WAS CANCELED
THAT'S UNUSUAL. GETTING READY FOR THE BED THIS EARLY?
creak

I DON'T...
INTEND TO DEPRIVE YOU OF ALL YOUR PRIVILEGES
I JUST...
OF COURSE
UNDER THE FORMER MASTER'S WILL, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS UNTIL YOU REACH ADULTHOOD

YOU KNOW THERE ARE MANY THINGS I SHOULD BE LEARNING BEFORE MY ADULTHOOD
I JUST WANT TO TACKLE WITH THE THINGS YOU'VE BEEN DEALING WITH
VERY WELL.
GOOD NIGHT.
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO TALK ABOUT WITH YOU.
HEY!
THAT'S NOT ALL...
CTC

grab
LET ME IN
COULD I BE EXCUSED TONIGHT?
I DON'T FEEL AT ALL LIKE DOING IT
MASTER.

...
!!
thud
I SEE
I SAID DON'T COME IN..
...
close
TOO LATE.

IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS
HAVE YOU BECOME INTIMATE WITH CHIKAKO-SAMA?
TODAY
YOU VISITED THE RESIDENCE OF DUKE OF SAJOU, DIDN'T YOU?
EVERY TIME I VISIT I WE PLAY A CARD GAME WITH AN OLD WOMAN AND SOME MAIDS CLOSE BY
THEY ARE OUTRATED FAMILY AND JUDGE PEOPLE ONLY WITH THEIR RANKS.
hei,
THAT SOUNDS AMUSING.

CHIKAKO-SAMA IS A SWEET YOUNG LADY, ISN'T SHE?
IN THAT SENSE THERE SHOULD BE NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT
DO YOU
REALLY THINK SO?
YOU COULD AT LEAST...
AT LEAST?

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY TO THE MASTER WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING EVEN HOUSEHOLD MANAGE-MENT?
EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING NOW IS BY YOUR OWN WILL.
YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN IT'S YOU WHO MADE A FINAL DECISION ABOUT THE ENGAGEMENT
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH-
BUT YOU DO!!

LISTEN!!
I'M GOING TO USE EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS TO KEEP FROM LOSING YOU!!
NOT TO THE MORIYAMA NOR THE ISHIZAKI!!
AKI...?
WHAT ARE YOU...?

...KATSURAGI.
...
IT'S NOTHING.

NEVER
I WON'T EVER LET YOU GO!

HE GETS UPSET EVERY TIME HE VISITS THE SAJOU FAMILY
DAMN
HE ALWAYS LEAVES A BRUISE ON MY WRIST
THERE IS NO POINT IN BLAMING MYSELF

"KATSU-RAGI"
I DON'T REMEM-BER
KISS
MY LIPS ARE SWOLLEN
"KATSURAGI."
WHEN IT STARTED
WHEN DID I DEVELOP FEELINGS FOR AKIHITO-SAMA?

IN THE BEGINNING
TAMURA CALLED ME AND SAID AKIHITO-SAMA HAD ARRIVED AT SHINKASHI STATION
IT WAS SINCE THEN
WHAT WAS I THINKING?
THAT DAY...
step
I REMEMBER
step
step
WHEN I MET HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME

chatter
chatter
chatter

THE YOUNGER MASTER IS FINALLY COMING BACK
EVERYONE IN CHARGE OF FRONT-OF-HOUSE AFFAIRS, GO OUT AND WELCOME HIM AT THE ENTRANCE
REMEMBER. WELCOME HIM WITH THE UTMOST ATTENTIVENESS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET READY RIGHT AWAY
Step
Step
...THAT'S RIGHT.

TO ROB THAT CHILD OF EVERYTHING.
AT THAT TIME
I WAS DETERMINED
TAKE IT AWAY FROM HIM
I'LL GIVE HIM EVERYTHING I HAVE, THEN
I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR EDUCATION FROM NOW ON
WELCOME HOME, AKIHITO-SAMA

THAT TIME ..

I WAS SURELY THINKING THAT WAY.

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相信只要期待着就會有所收獲的時代

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SHOKO HIDAKA PRESENTS

SO COLD.
REALLY COLD.
MY FINGER-TIPS ARE FREEZING
scribble
scribble
scribble

...
I'M SO HUNGRY
0 0
BUT
IF I DON T FINISH THESE EARLY THE VISCOUNT WILL BE VERY DISAPPOINTED
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT I HAVEN T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE YESTERDAY
IF I DON T LIVE UP TO HIS EXPECTATIONS I WILL BE SENT BACK TO THE KATSURAGI
HOWEVER, EVEN IF I WAS SENT BACK

THERE IS NO LONGER A PLACE FOR ME
IT ST. RTED SNOWING, NO WONDER IT'S SO COLD...
crackle
crackle
crackle
crackle
TOMO-YUKI
COME HERE

A GARDEN PARTY FOR THE HOUSE OF LORDS?
THAT IS CORRECT.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A GATHERING ONLY FOR VISCOUNTS, I'VE DECIDED TO TAKE YOU WITH ME THIS TIME.
FIRST OF ALL, WE NEED TO GET YOU FORMAL ATTIRE.
YOU KNOW THE ETIQUETTE RIGHT?
YES, I KNOW.
REMEMBER, YOU MUST NOT HUMILIATE ME.

MANAGER,
MAKE FORMAL ATTIRE FOR YUKIHITO USING FIRST-CLASS MATERIALS.
YOUR SHAME IS THE SHAME OF THE KUZE FAMILY.
Make this sleeve longer
Yes
And then the button
I'M NOT "YOUNG MASTER"
I UNDERSTAND
PLEASE COME THIS WAY YOUNG MASTER
Thank you
...I HEARD THAT THE VISCOUNT STILL DOESN'T HAVE A SUCCESSOR
And here...
Yes
In this...

THAT MUST MEAN THAT SOONER OR LATER HE WILL ADOPT YOU AS HIS SON.
FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE MASTER
I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE A SUITABLE PIECE OF FORMAL ATTIRE.
SON.

IN THE FUTURE
WILL THE VISCOUNT REALLY BECOME MY FATHER?
HUH?
THE REASON WHY I REQUESTED YOU TO COME HERE?
YES.
WHY SO SUDDEN

BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE ME.
I'VE THOUGHT SO SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU AT THE KATSURAGI HOUSE.
YOU LOOK LIKE A YOUNGER VERSION OF ME.
BESIDES, YOUR MOTHER IS A KATSURAGI.
WITH HER BLOOD RUNNING IN YOUR VEINS, THAT MAKES YOU A CLOSER RELATIVE THAN ANY OTHER.
I DON'T MIND IF THE BLOODLINE IS PASSED ON BY A WOMAN.

COMPARED TO MY BROTHER WHOSE MOTHER IS OF UNKNOWN BACKGROUND
YOU ARE MUCH MORE FIT TO INHERIT THE KUZE HOUSEHOLD.
.....
VISCOUNT... WHAT IF I...
WHAT?
NO...
IS IT BECAUSE I'M PART OF THE KATSURAGI FAMILY THAT YOU MADE ME COME HERE?
OR IS IT...
YUKIHITO,

THE MAIN REASON WAS BECAUSE YOU'RE VERY BRILLIANT.
I WAS DEEPLY FASCINATED BY YOU.
DO YOU KNOW HOW HAPPY I WAS WHEN I FIRST MET YOU?
MAYBE I WON'T BE ABLE TO HAVE AN HEIR. BUT

YUKIHITO
AS LONG AS YOU'RE IN THE KUZE FAMILY IT WILL BE ENOUGH.
crackle
crackle
crackle
crackle
SO THAT HE WILL ACKNOWL-EDGE ME
IT'S OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT I BECOME MORE OUTSTANDING.
THEN, ONCE I HOLD THE IDENTITY OF HIS SON,

I HAVE TO BE PERFECT. I MUST NOT HAVE ANY DEFECTS

I BELIEVED THAT AS LONG AS I WAS PERFECT I WOULD HAVE A PLACE TO STAY
THAT AS LONG AS I BECAME THE PERSON HE EXPECTED ME TO BECOME - THEY ARE GOING TO ACCEPT ME, THEY ARE GOING TO NEED ME
HOW-EVER...
IN THE END, EVERYTHING WENT BACK TO HOW IT USED TO BE.

IT HAS STARTED TO SNOW. NO WONDER IT'S SO COLD.
KATSURAGI SAMA.
THESE ARE THE STOCKS CURRENTLY HELD BY THE KUZE FAMILY

HURRY AND SO HANDLE EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUC-TIONS ON THIS PAPER
THE CIRCUM-STANCES HAVE CHAN-GED
MAY I ASK... ARE YOU REALLY SURE YOU WANT TO SELL ALL OF IT? WASN'T THIS TO BE GIVEN TO THE YOUNG MASTER ONCE HE COMES OF AGE?
AKIHITO SAMA - NO, VISCOUNT KUZE HAS NO INTEREST IN THINGS LIKE RAISING FUNDS
IT'S BETTER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GOOD MARKET AND SELL IT NOW THAT THE PRICE IS HIGH
SO THAT IN THE FUTURE THERE WILL BE MONEY THAT CAN BE USED.
BUT IT'S TRULY A PITY
IF THESE STOCKS WERE IN YOUR PORT-FOLIO, YOU WOULD DEFINITELY MAKE A LOT MORE PROFITS...

UNLIKE BUSINESSMEN, HE DOES NOT DEPEND SO MUCH ON MONEY
AFTER ALL THE VISCOUNT IS THE SON OF A RICH FAMILY
I FORGOT THAT KATSURAGI SAMA ALSO COMES FROM A GOOD FAMILY
AH! PARDON ME,
WELL
I'M JUST ROOTLESS WILD GRASS
HUH?
ALSO FROM TODAY ON PLEASE REPORT ALL FINANCIAL MATTERS TO VISCOUNT KUZE HIMSELF
YES KATSURAGI SAMA, I ASSURE YOU
ANYWAY PLEASE HANDLE IT QUICKLY
NO NOTHING

WHAT?
BUT IF SUCH THINGS ARE NOT CHECKED BY YOU FIRST OUR CREDITS
AKIHITO SAMA WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS
YOU'RE AWARE OF IT TOO, IN A FEW YEARS I'LL LOSE CONTROL OVER THE KUZE HOUSEHOLD
JUST THINK OF IT AS EARLY LEAVE.

NO BUT
YOU'RE SO TROU-BLE-SOME NAKA-JIMA!
YES
THE SNOW HAS PILED UP QUITE A BIT

clink
clink
clink

JUST TWO YEARS AGO KATSURAGI USED TO EAT WITH ME AT THE SAME TABLE
YES.
INDEED
TODAY THE MASTER'S TABLE MANNERS ARE FULLY PERFECTED.
YET IN THE PAST KATSURAGI SAMA WOULD CONSTANTLY REPROACH YOU
So nostalgic
...

EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN
!
ACTUALLY HE COULD EAT AT THE SAME TABLE IF HE WANTED TO...
Inside the house walls.
BUT THE KUZE FAMILY RULES SAY THAT IT'S FORBIDDEN FOR A MASTER TO DINE WITH WHOSE CLASS IS MUCH LOWER THAN HIS OWN
KATSURAGI SAMA WAS OBVIOUSLY AWARE OF THIS, WHICH IS WHY HE DECIDED TO AVOID DOING SO

KATSURAGI TOO HE'S BEEN UNDER HIS INFLUENCE FOR TOO LONG
EH?
IT'S RIDICULOUS
MY FATHER, REALLY... ACTING LIKE A WESTERNER ON THE SURFACE ONLY IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE...
IF WE ABIDE BY THE RULES
IT MEANS THAT A MASTER SHOULDN'T EVEN EAT WITH HIS BELOVED WIFE AND KIDS?
SINCE NOW I AM THE CURRENT MASTER I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ALTER THEM RIGHT?
I USED TO FOLLOW THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE CUSTOMS THAT CAME ABOUT HUNDERS OF YEARS AGO
mutter
mutter
mutter
ASIDE FROM TABLE MANNERS THIS HOUSE HAS EVEN MORE STRANGE CUSTOMS

TH- THAT
MASTER
I'M NOT RIDICULING THE FAMILY'S RULES OR PLANNING TO DISOWN THEM
IT'S JUST THAT THESE RULES DON'T ACCORD WITH THIS AGE ANYMORE. WHICH MAKES THEM LOOK STRANGE. RIGHT?
AND YOU DON'T NEED TO CONSIDER MY FEELINGS EITHER.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU FIND INCONVENIENT, YOU MAY SAY IT
E- EVEN IF YOU SAY SO
I don't understand what you mean.
TAMURA AND CHIYONO
LET'S START WITH TABLE CUSTOMS. FROM NOW ON YOU TWO WILL EAT WITH ME
MASTER!!
!?
PLEASE
ADD TWO MORE SEATS
PLEASE DON'T!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

WELCOME BACK, KATSURAGI SAMA.
IT STARTED SNOWING OUTSIDE?
YES
HURRY BRING SOME-THING HOT TO THE CART DRIVER
BRING SOME TO THE DOOR KEEPERS AS WELL
YES, SIR
CLOMP
CLOMP
HURRY BRING THE DISHES!
Hurry hurry!
MASTER SAID THERE'S NO LONGER ANY NEED TO TASTE TEST
ALSO
Anyway, serve it while it's still warm
THE MASTER NEVER LIKED FOOD GONE COLD
Laugh
Laugh
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?
KATSU-RAGI SAMA!
shock
I ASKED YOU WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?
IT'S YUKIHITO SAMA'S MEALTIME RIGHT NOW

SO...
VERY SORRY...
YES
THAT
WHAT HAPPENED?
UM... WE'RE VERY SORRY FOR BEING SO NOISY
RIGHT NOW THE MASTER IS DINING
clink
CHIYONO YOU TOO DON'T RESTRAIN YOURSELF EAT!
Y-
YES...
BUT IF KATSURAGI SAMA WERE TO SEE ME IN THIS SITUATION, I WILL BE FIRED...
How can I not mind it!
TAMURA DION'T YOU USE TO EAT WITH ME AT OUR FORMER RESIDENCE?
TH... THAT WAS WHEN THE MASTER WAS STILL YOUNG...
Don't mind it

KATSURAGI WON'T MIND THIS
YOU'RE TAKING IT TOO SERIOUSLY

TELL KATSURAGI TO COME EAT AT THE TABLE WITH US
RIGHT... NEXT TIME.
!

EVEN THOUGH HE MAY HATE THE CHANGES,
HE WILL SLOWLY LEARN TO ACCEPT IT
DID YOU HEAR ME?! KATSURAGI!
shock
turn

I'VE LEFT THE LETTERS ON THE TABLE
OH, THEN I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE
THANK YOU FOR THE TROUBLE
NO BIG DEAL
I'LL HANG IT IN MY ROOM TO DRY
UHM, EXCUSE ME WHAT ABOUT YOUR COAT?
!
SLAM!
!
flop
!

SLAM!
flump
IF THINGS COULD REALLY BE CHANGED THIS EASILY,
HOW EASY IT WOULD BE...
.....
... THE TIME FOR MY DEPARTURE IS JUST APPROACHING FASTER.
Chara セレクション
待續

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THESE SCANS ARE CHINESE SCANS FROM SOME CHINESE WEBSITE, I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHICH ONES. I ONLY TRANSLATED IT TO ENGLISH, BUT I'M A NOOB, SO EXCUSE THE HORRIBLE ENGLISH AND THE TRANSLATION ERRORS OTL

THANKS FOR READING~ :3

KATSU-RAG!
ALREADY GONE
sit up
待望の連載再開!!
哀しくも美しい朝
日高ショーコ
HIDAKA SHOKO PRESENTS
千億の炎

these sides of Akihito's personality involuntarily plunge Katsuragi into chaos and confusion
Awe-inspiringly smart young viscount with both a childlike facial expression and an impure smile
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巻頭カラー
憂鬱な朝
REALLY
ONCE IN A WHILE YOU COULD SHOW ME YOUR SLEEPING FACE
日高ショーコ
SHOKO HIDAKA PRESENTS
NOW ON SALE
❶コミックス最新刊
❷ドラマCD

WE ARE FINISHED WITH THE SYNOPSIS. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, KATSURAGI SAMA?
DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A LATER TIME
AMONG THE MAJOR PREMISES, APART FROM BUILDING A RAILROAD, IS ALSO THE DEMAND FOR VIGOROUS DEVELOPMENT ON OTHER PROJECTS
Hotels as well as banks
rustle
ABOUT THE FORMER TERRITORY'S DEVELOPMENTS AND PROVISIONS
DUE TO THE KUZE FAMILY TAKING THE LEAD WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENTS IN EVERY PROVINCE, AND FURTHERMORE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE TO THIS DAY
HOWEVER CURRENTLY THE CASH FLOW NEEDS TO BE MANAGED
AS A RESULT, VISCOUNT KUZE CAME UP WITH THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ESTABLISH A JOINT VENTURE TOGETHER WITH THE ISHIZAKI FAMILY
KATSURAGI SAMA?
realize

AH EXCUSE ME.
PLEASE CONTINUE
...
cough
THEN THE NEXT ISSUE IS
EARL TACHIBANA WISHES FOR OUR REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
PERTAINING TO HOKKAIDO REAL ESTATE
unfold
unfold
IS IT ALL RIGHT TO CARRY ON WITH SELLING THEN?
THAT S FINE
THE VISCOUNT HAS ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT IT FOR SOME TIME
SAY KATSURAGI SAMA!
put down
YES,
THE VISCOUNT REALLY POSSESSES INCREDIBLE FORESIGHT.
THEN LET S CARRY ON RIGHT AWAY
YES SIR.

HIS WISDOM AND AGILITY IS PRACTICALLY ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE PREVIOUS GENERATION, AKINAO SAMA.
KUZE SAMA IS SO INCREDIBLY BRILLIANT!
EVERY CONVERSATION WITH THE VISCOUNT COMMANDS ADMIRATION, EVEN FROM SOMEONE SUCH AS MYSELF.
REALLY MAKES ONE LOOK FORWARD TO HIS MATURATION.
IT SURE DOES.
WE THINK SO AS WELL.
THE VISCOUNT SAID THAT EVERYTHING IS THANKS TO KATSURAGI SAMA'S GUIDANCE.
HE'S REALLY WORTHY TO RECEIVE IN NO SMALL MEASURE KATSURAGI SAMA'S TRAINING
AS WELL AS THE LONG TERM EDUCATION, LOVE AND PROTECTION YOU'VE PUT YOUR HEART INTO
KNOCK
OVER

IS KATSURAGI SAMA INJURED
HEY!!
YES! COME AT ONCE!
trot
trot

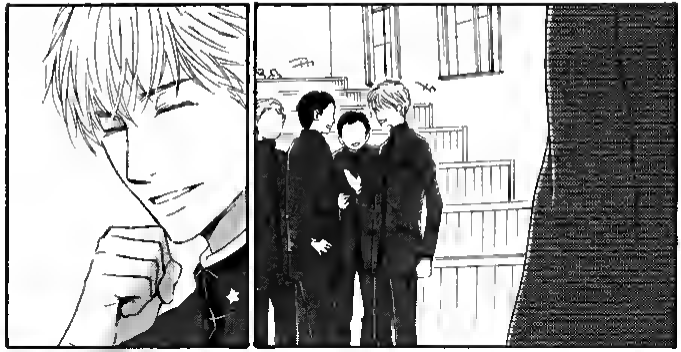
spill
out

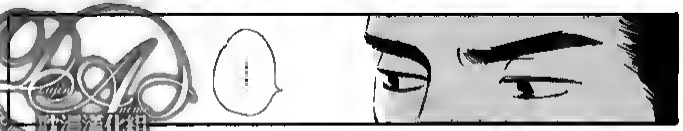
YOU NEED NOT WORRY.
MY HAND MERELY SLIPPED.
"EDUCATION."
"LOVE AND PROTECTION"
"TOMOYUKI,"
"IN THE END, FOR WHAT REASON DO YOU WANT TO BRING UP THIS CHILD?"

"17 YEARS
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?"
RECENTLY KATSURAGI SAMA'S APPEARANCE SEEMS TO BE A BIT ODD.
THAT'S RIGHT!
FREQUENTLY WHEN HE SPEAKS WITH MASTER DISPUTES BREAK OUT
WASN'T THERE ANOTHER FIGHT LAST TIME IN THE DINING HALL?
MASTER SAID HE WANTED TO CHANGE THE CLICHED FAMILY TRADITIONS AND SO ON

WHAT WILL HAPPEN FROM HERE ON OUT?
HUH?
I'M TALKING ABOUT KATSURAGI SAMA'S POSITION IN THE HOUSEHOLD
MASTER
SO FAR HE HAS COMPLIED WITH THE FORMER GENERATION'S WISDOM SO WILL KATSURAGI SAMA BE RELEASED FROM HIS POSITION
CURRENTLY MASTER ALREADY MANAGES HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

SO THAT'S WHY MASTER GAVE KATSURAGI SAMA A PIECE OF HIS MIND REGARDING HIS PAST ACTIONS
chatter
chuckle
chatter
open





RECENTLY YOU'RE GETTING ALONG QUITE WELL WITH YOUR SO-CALLED "BORING PEOPLE".
BE CAREFUL OR YOU'LL BECOME LIKE THEM

KUZE,
YOU'VE CHANGED RECENTLY
WHAT?

THERE ARE MANY AFFAIRS THAT NEED TO BE DEALT WITH, THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO MAKE FRIENDS
put down
BUT THEIR FATHERS ARE ALL IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PALACE
THEY INDEED ARE A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WILL ONLY SHOW OFF THEIR FAMILY'S COMPETENCE
MAYBE...
ISHIZAKI...
DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING FROM YOUR FATHER?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DEALT WITH?
YOU USED TO REALLY DISLIKE THIS KIND OF TRICKERY BEFORE
put down
THAT BUTLER REALLY IS STILL HEAVILY POISONING YOUR MIND

KATSURAGI?
WHY DO YOU ASK?
flip
flip
SUCH AS MATTERS RELATED TO KATSURAGI AND SO ON
ISHIZAKI,
DO YOU LIKE KATSURAGI?
I DISLIKE HIM VERY MUCH
?
OF COURSE THAT'S RIGHT
I knew that already
HEY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NOTHING
Hey, you're a bit too noisy!
WHAT IS IT?!

WHAT?
BACK TO HER HOME?!
I TOTALLY DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT HOW SUDDEN
SHE SAID SHE NEEDED TO RECUPERATE SO SHE DECIDED TO TEMPORARILY LEAVE TOKYO FOR A WHILE
Ah
THEN HOW IS HER CONDITION? THE DOCTOR
REPORTEDLY THERE'S AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD DOCTOR AT HOME
WELL
IN ADDITION, AMAMIYA SAN,
MRS. KIKU WANTED ME TO HAND THIS OVER TO YOU
hand over

YES. MRS. KIKU ALSO WANTED ME TO TELL YOU THAT :
SHE HOPES YOU CAN TIDY UP EVERYTHING THAT'S IN THE STOREROOM.
WHAT IS THIS?
THIS IS THE KEY TO THE STORE-ROOM.
STORE ROOM ?
WHAT?!
TIDY UP?!
WHY
IS IT ME?
BESIDES, THERE'S ANOTHER THING
THAT MADAME SAID AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT
"I THINK WHEN YOU'RE CLEANING THAT YOU MAY RUN INTO SOME LETTERS THAT AKINAO SAMA PERSONALLY HANDED OVER FOR ME TO TAKE CARE OF."
"THESE LETTERS WILL FROM NOW ON BE HANDED OVER TO AMAMIYA SAN FOR HIM TO TAKE CARE OF"

NO, IT'S NOTHING PRETEND I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
YOU SAID OLD LETTERS?
YES
AS EXPECTED
THAT PERSON IS STILL HIDING SOMETHING
SHE TOLD YOU TO HAND THEM ALL OVER TO ME?
THEN PLEASE ACCEPT THE KEY
SURE
WHAT?
YES
run
run
YES
AND PLEASE BRING ME A LANTERN
I'M GOING TO TIDY UP RIGHT NOW
run
IF :
MY SPECULATIONS ARE RIGHT

THIS WON'T DO. I SHOULD NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH RIGHT NOW
HOWEVER
NO MATTER WHAT
THE PREVIOUS GENERATION HAS ALREADY DEPARTED THE WORLD OF THE LIVING
THAT'S RIGHT
PERHAPS
I MAY THEN RESUME MY POSITION OF SERVING THE KUZE FAMILY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE

AS EXPECTED
I STILL REALLY FEEL SOMEWHAT LONELY

AHH I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!
THROW DOWN
KATSURAGI
EVEN THOUGH I SAID THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT
THE FORMER TERRITORY'S ISSUES ARE TOO COMPLEX. I COMPLETELY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THEM
ALTHOUGH IT'S HARD TO ASK
COULD YOU HELP ME OUT?

FINE
stand up
PLEASE LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THE PAPERS
ALSO
I'VE FINISHED GOING THROUGH THESE. I'LL RETURN THEM TO YOU
OH, THAT'S THE BUSINESS ABOUT THE LAND EXCHANGE DEAL? IS IT ALL RIGHT?
GREAT!
YES
YOUR DECISIONS WERE VERY WISE

BEING PRAISED BY YOU MAKES ME HAPPY
RECENTLY

YOU'VE BEEN IN A GOOD MOOD

BEFORE
YOU'D ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF THEM BY YOURSELF
I'D ALWAYS FEEL UNEASY WHEN I DIDN'T SEE YOUR FIGURE
BUT NOW I FINALLY UNDERSTAND.
ISN'T IT BECAUSE I RECENTLY STARTED TAKING CARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FINANCES?
BEING ABLE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THESE MATTERS MAKES ME HAPPY

EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE TAUGHT ME UNTIL NOW
INCLUDING WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT CAREFULLY CONFORMING TO THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
NOW AT LAST
IT HAS BECOME CLEAR TO ME JUST HOW SIGNIFICANT IT IS
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THIS SPECT OF AFFAIRS
OH BY THE WAY, ABOUT THIS COUNTY'S OFFICIAL,
HE'S A RELATIVE OF THE KATSURAGI FAMILY RIGHT? I'M SURE YOU KNOW MORE DETAILS ABOUT
CHCHK

YOU STARTLED ME

KATSURAGI

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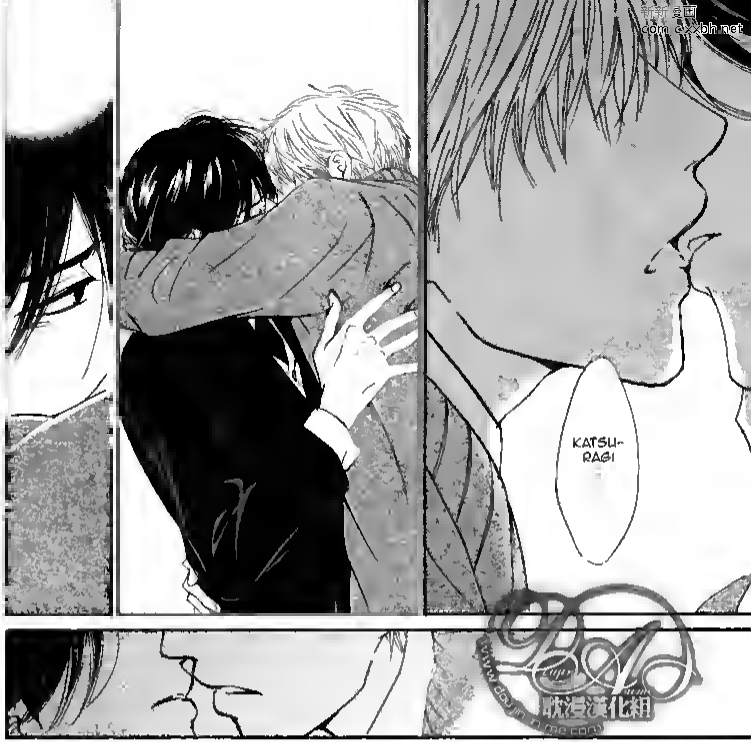

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JUST LIKE IN THE PAST,
THAT THE TWO OF US CAN BE TOGETHER FOREVER
.....
PLEASE RELEASE ME

HEY
KATSURAGI
WELL,
GOOD NIGHT.
HUH?
LET ME DEAL WITH THE ISSUE ABOUT THE FORMER TERRITORY.
BUT THE REST OF IT I LL ASK YOU TO HANDLE BY YOURSELF
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CLOSE DOOR
step
step
step
step
YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH SAYJOU FAMILY"
"HOW MATTERS STAND. WHAT DID YOU ASK FOR?"
"YOU REALLY ARE AN ANNOYING GUY"

YOUNG LADY FUSAKO IS A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG AND RICH PRINCESS
ALWAYS HAVING LIVED A GRACEFUL AND RELAXED LIFE FAR AWAY FROM TURMOIL
AND ALSO IS THE COURT COUNCILOR'S DAUGHTER, A PRINCESS
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT,
APART FROM THIS THERE IS NO OTHER FEELING
wet
KATSU-RAGI

SO MUST I ERASE THE OLD ME
JUST LIKE YOU
ERASED YOURSELF IN ORDER TO KEEP STAYING AT MY SIDE
AH
EVEN IF A PART OF ME ENDS UP DYING

SO LONG AS I RETAIN THE PART OF ME THAT IS YOUR PARTNER, THAT WOULD BE OK
STAND STILL

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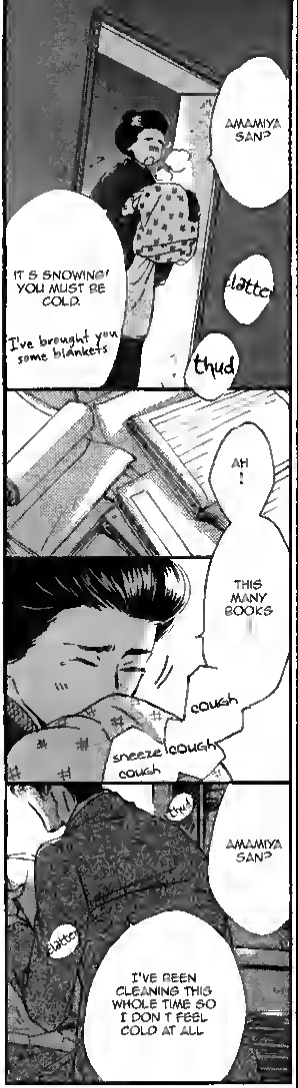
AMAMIYA SAN?
IT'S SNOWING! YOU MUST BE COLD.
I've brought you some blankets
flatter
thud
AH!
THIS MANY BOOKS
cough
sneeze
cough
cough
thud
AMAMIYA SAN?
flatter
I'VE BEEN CLEANING THIS WHOLE TIME SO I DON'T FEEL COLD AT ALL

WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU?
AMAMIYA SAN?
?
JUST NOW
I FINALLY FOUND THE LONG AWAITED "EVIDENCE"

THIS YOUNG LADY
I WANT TO LEAVE TO SENDAGI RIGHT NOW TO TRAVEL TO THE KATSURAGI RESIDENCE
WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL A CARRIAGE FOR ME?
I still need to carry a lot of luggage

close
WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE
THAT GUY REALLY HAS PROMINENT TALENT
REMARKABLE MANAGING CAPACITY ALONG WITH THE ABILITY TO GRASP THE MARKET TRENDS
AKIHITO SUMA,
YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO RELIEVE KATSURAGI FROM SERVING THE KUZE FAMILY ANY TIME SOON?
VISCOUNT,
I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE KATSURAGI TO OUR HOUSE.
.....
I REMEMBER HE TAUGHT ME TO DIVIDE OUR ASSETS INTO THREE PARTS,
PROPERTY, STOCK AND MONEY
COMPARED TO THE OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, ONLY THE KUZE FAMILY HAS NO RECORDS OF LOSSES
flip
BUT ALSO CONDUCTING FINANCES WITH OTHER COMPANIES.
KATSURAGI IS REALLY FEROCIOUS.

creak
ACTUALLY I CLEARLY KNOW,
THAT THIS OLD-FASHIONED HOUSEHOLD THE KUZE HOUSEHOLD BINDING HIM IS VERY UNRATIONAL
BUT EVEN THOUGH I'M AWARE OF IT
EVEN SO

EVEN SO -
I STILL WISH
HE'LL REMAIN
BY MY SIDE

love that has already penetrated the
bone since childhood,
he almost cannot control his rationality

The "evidence" that Amamiya found in the storeroom is—?!

Katsuragi's lifelong secret, the truth is finally coming out...!!

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rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
Hm
KATSURAGI SAMA.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

WHERE'S AMAMI-YA?
YES.
I APOLO-GIZE..
HE'S STILL IN THE STOREROOM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING THERE EY ICTLY..
STORE-ROOM?
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
AMAMIYA!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE, WHEN YOU WERE THE ONE THAT CALLED ME OVER?
CLINK
UHM...
IT IS VERY COLD OUTSIDE
WIPE WIPE
IT'S FINE

UHM.
AH,
MAO, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO LEAVE THE HOUSE FOR A WHILE.
FINISHED! I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT MATTERS TO DISCUSS WITH TOMOYUKI SAMA
SINCE THESE ARE SO DUSTY
SLIT...
SUNNY PLEASE LEAVE THE TWO OF US ALONE FOR A WHILE
HEY!
HAVE YOU SEEN KUZE?
KUZE? NO...?

AH, KUZE
KUZE!
ЮР

I FINALLY FOUND YOU.
I'VE GONE THROUGH THE ENTIRE SCHOOL LOOKING FOR YOU. I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU.
A MESSAGE?
TELL ME TOMORROW IF IT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
WELL IT'S NOT.
AREN'T YOU GOING HOME?
I AM
AREN'T YOU COLD?
I AM.
sigh
.....

WILL YOU PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER? ALWAYS GIVING YOURSELF HEADACHES BY THINKING ABOUT KATSURAGI'S AFFAIRS
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY TALKING ABOUT THIS. I DIDN'T...
GO AHEAD. I'M ALL EARS.
WHO ELSE CAN YOU TALK TO ABOUT THAT GUY, OTHER THAN ME?
OR MAYBE,
YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT KATSURAGI TO THE ISHIZAKI?

ISHIZAKI
I HEARD IT FROM MY FATHER,
SEEMS LIKE YOU'LL BE ENGAGED SOON
TAP
AHH
"AHH" SOUNDS LIKE IT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S AFFAIR...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?!
WHAT?
ABOUT THE ENGAGEMENT...
AND ABOUT KATSURAGI!!

YOU'RE TOO LOUD.
STOP SHOUTING
HUH?
ON TOP OF THAT IT'S NOT CERTAIN WHETHER I'LL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM MY SUPERIORS
ALTHOUGH HE SAID "ENGAGEMENT". THAT WILL BE A LATER MATTER

BUT NO MATTER WHAT, THE OTHER PARTY IS THE SAIJYOU FAMILY...
IN THE CAPACITY OF VISCOUNT, I TOO WANT TO QUICKLY HAND MY REQUEST TO THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT
BEING AN ARISTOCRAT MEANS YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE FREEDOM TO SPEAK. EVERYTHING YOU DO NEEDS PERMISSION
YOU KNOW DON'T YOU?
BINDING SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS FAMILY TO A FAMILY OF LOWER STANDING BY MARRIAGE IS THE EXCEPTION OF EXCEPTIONS
BEING GRANTED PERMISSION WILL TAKE A WHILE, I THINK

ANYWAY
I WANT TO CONQUER EVERYTHING I'M ABLE TO WHILE WAITING.
AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT.
INCREASING YOUR RANK,
THAT'S WHY THE ISHIZAKI FAMILY'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES CAN'T BE LACKING.
EXACTLY.
.....
SO THAT IS WHY YOU DECIDED TO LET GO OF KATSURAGI?
.....
ISHIZAKI,
WHAT IS THE MESSAGE YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE ME?
HUH?
WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

I'LL LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE NOW WHO IS IT FROM?
YOUR MOTHER?
NO...
IT'S FROM THE HEAD OF THE KATSURAGI FAMILY
KATSURAGI TAKAYUKI.
!
TOMOYUKI SAMA
THESE ARE THE DOCUMENTS THAT AKINAO SAMA ORDERED ME TO BURN

I SERVED THE PREVIOUS GENERATION, NAOYA SAMA.

THEREFORE THEY CANNOT BE DESTROYED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANC

NEVER-THELESS

THE PREVIOUS GENERATION— KUZE NAOYA SAMA COMMANDED ME TO "DEFEND" THESE DOCUMENTS "WITH MY LIFE"

THE ONE WHO BOUGHT THIS HOUSE AND GAVE IT TO KIKU
WAS YOU RIGHT, TOMOYUKI SAMA?
...AREN'T YOU GOING TO SIT DOWN?
YOU STILL HAVEN'T COMPLETED YOUR GREETINGS TO THE KUZE FAMILY.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING ALL THESE MONTHS?
IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME A GOOD ANSWER I WON'T LET YOU OFF.
I REMEMBER TELLING YOU TO NOT DARE INSULT AKIHITO SAMA-!

I DIDN'T
I'D NEVER LOOK DOWN ON THE VISCOUNT!
EVEN LESS INSULT HIM!
.....
IT'S JUST THAT...
NO MATTER WHAT I JUST CAN'T UNDER-STAND
WHY THE PREVIOUS VISCOUNT STARTED TREATING YOU COLDLY AND MADE YOU INTO A SERVANT
EVEN AFTER THE BIRTH OF AKIHITO SAMA
HE CLEARLY CONTINUED TO LIVE WITH YOU LIKE HE ALWAYS HAD DONE. SO WHY..
DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?

"THE BIRTH OF AN HEIR"
ISN'T WHAT CAUSED THE VISCOUNT'S DRASTIC CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOU
THERE'S ANOTHER REASON
WHAT ACTUALLY CAUSED THE CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR IN THE VISCOUNT?
TOMOYUKI SAMA.

DO YOU REALLY NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT
THAT "REASON"?

.....
AMAMIYA
THIS STORY
STARTS FROM KUZE FAMILY'S PREVIOUS GENERATION'S WOMANIZING

NAOYA SAMA
THE PREVIOUS GENERATION WAS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF AKINAO SAMA.
FAMILY AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS CONSTANTLY CAME SECOND TO HIS INTEREST IN WOMEN
WHEN AKINAO SAMA WAS STUDYING ABROAD IN ENGLAND, HE EVEN KEPT SEVERAL CONCUBINES IN HIS RESIDENCE.
EVEN AFTER THE GOVERNMENT RAISED HIS RANK FROM "FUEDAL LORD" TO "VISCOUNT"...
HE STILL DID NOT HEED THE FLOW OF TIME...
HE MOSTLY SPENT TIME WITH HIS CONCUBINES.
HE COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT HIS WIFE AND HIS HEIR, AKINAO SAMA.

THE FACT IS THAT AT THE TIME OF THE PREVIOUS GENERATION, NOBLES WHO KEPT CONCUBINES WERE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR
IT'S A REMNANT OF THE FEUDAL SYSTEM
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE "CONCUBINE REGISTRATION" IS?
It's an amazing name
.....
TOMOYUKI SAMA.
TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, ALL THIS WAS FOR THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE FAMILY LINE
WHICH MEANS THAT THE CHILD BORN FROM A CONCUBINE WOULD BECOME AN ELIGIBLE HEIR
THE PERSON WOULD BE DIRECTLY REGISTERED AS "CONCUBINE" IN THE FAMILY REGISTER
NOW
LET'S GO ON TO THE MAIN TOPIC

rummage
rustle
AT THAT TIME, TWO OFFICIAL CONCUBINES WERE REGISTERED.
THE FIRST ONE IS THE BIRTH MOTHER OF AKINAO SAMA'S BROTHER. THE ONE HE CUT RELATIONS WITH
THEN, THE OTHER ONE IS
rustle
rummage
FOUND IT!
JUST AS KIKU SAID I WAS ABLE TO FIND THIS AFTER CLEANING THE STORE-ROOM
!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DUPLICATE CAN PROVE YOUR IDENTITY AS AN HEIR?
TOMOYUKI
AMA
A DUPLICATE OF THE "CONCUBINE REGISTRATION" FORM.
rustle
WHAT A LUCKY COINCIDENCE!
YOU KNEW THIS ALREADY, DIDN'T YOU?
AFTER ALL
SOMEONE GAVE KIKU THE INSTRUCTION TO TAKE THE UTMOST CARE OF THESE DOCUMENTS
ANYWAY BACK TO THE SUBJECT
THE OTHER CONCUBINE WAS THE NUMBER ONE GEISHA FROM SHINBASHI

T/N Shinbashi is a section of Tokyo.

I'VE SEEN HER PICTURE
EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS A GEISHA, SHE WAS ACTUALLY FROM A GOOD FAMILY
BUT AC-TUALLY
PEOPLE WERE EVEN MORE ENAMORED BY HER BEAUTY
THE TWO OF YOU LOOK VERY MUCH ALIKE...
AMAMIYA

AMAMIYA
OF COURSE I AM.
I ALSO KNOW THAT YOUR DEDICATION TO THE KUZE HOUSEHOLD HAS EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS
AND ALSO
ARE YOU AWARE OF WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?!

I KNOW THAT YOU INTEND TO GET RID OF AKIHITO SAMA SOONER OR LATER
HOW-EVER,
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE STOPPED THIS PLAN OF YOURS?
AHH, OR COULD IT BE THAT THIS IS ONLY "THE BEGINNING"?
YOU
PLAN TO OVERTHROW EVERYTHING FROM NOW ON?

VISCOUNT KUZE
THANK YOU FOR COMING ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE
KATSURAGI TAKAYUKI

SUCH A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE COMPARED TO THE FIRST TIME WE MET
WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING?
ANYWAY
IT'S CUMBERSOME THAT WE CANNOT EVEN MEET UNLESS IT'S VIA THE ISHIZAKI FAMILY
AS YOU KNOW
OUR FAMILIES ARE PROHIBITED FROM INTERACTING WITH EACH OTHER...
STOP PRETENDING
YOU NEVER INTENDED TO ABIDE BY THOSE RULES, DID YOU?
creak
MY FATHER HAS ALREADY PASSED AWAY
I'M THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY NOW.

creak
"BROTHER"?
EXACTLY,
YOUR BROTHER

BECAUSE YOUR DEAR "BROTHER" IS UNDER MY ROOF
ALSO...
I DON'T INTEND TO SEVERE TIES WITH YOUR FAMILY

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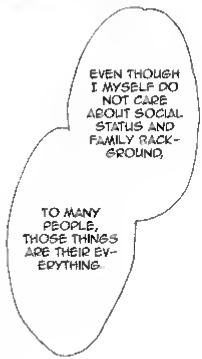
chuckle

I DON'T THINK RUMORS AND GOSSIP ARE GOOD FOR THE KATSURAGI FAMILY RIGHT?


EVEN THOUGH I MYSELF DO NOT CARE ABOUT SOCIAL STATUS AND FAMILY BACK-GROUND,
TO MANY PEOPLE, THOSE THINGS ARE THEIR EV-ERYTHING.

YOU'RE INTERESTING VISCOUNT EVERY TIME WE CHAT...
MY IMPRESSION OF YOU CHANGES
BY THE WAY,
VISCOUNT, DO YOU KNOW OF A MAN NAMED AMAMIYA RINZARUPOU?
AMAMIYA?
NO...
HE WAS A SHOSEI AT THE KUZE HOUSEHOLD
AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TOMOYUKI'S EDUCATION
!

Shosei: a student who performs housework in exchange for meals and/or lodging

WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY NOW IS VERY IMPROPER.
HUH?
A FEW DAYS AGO
THAT MAN SUDDENLY APPEARED IN FRONT OF MY RESIDENCE.
SHOSE!... SO THE GUY THAT T...UGHT HIM.
.....
THEY HAPPEN TO BE THE RUMORS THAT YOU WERE MENTIONING
HOWEVER, THEY'RE MOSTLY RELATED TO YOU, SINCE YOU RE THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY
VISCOUNT KUZE,
TOMOYUKI...

THAT MAN
I... MUST TRUST HIM.

T/N: There's a bowl of Katsu-don sitting at the table :D ... Get it? No? Ok...

SEEMS LIKE YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO SIT HERE.
WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?
I BEG OF YOU!!
I'm terribly sorry!!
MY HUMBLE SELF REALLY CANNOT DINE AT THE SAME TABLE AS YOU!!
PLEASE, HAVE MERCY ON ME!!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT ANYTHING DUE TO MY NERVES!!
TAMURA
CHIYONO

click
THANK YOU
UNDER-STOOD.
YOU DON'T NEED TO SPEAK ANY FURTHER
YOU ARE EXCUSED. LEAVE KATSURAGI AND I ALONE
Excuse us
KATSURAGI,
I HEARD THAT YOU WENT TO NEGISHI TODAY
IS KIKU DOING WELL?

RIGHT NOW
NO ONE IS LIVING IN THAT HOUSE
HUH?
KIKU WENT BACK HOME
WHAT ABOUT AKIHITO SAN'S HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
AH...
WELL...
...I SEE.
I...
VISITED THE ISHIZAKI RESIDENCE.

AKIHITO SAMA YOU CAN'T LIE AT ALL. YOU IMMEDIATELY SHOW YOUR FLAW
clink
REALLY?
YES, REALLY
EVEN THOUGH YOUR TONE OF VOICE DIDN'T CHANGE, IT WAS YOUR EYES THAT CONTRADICTED YOUR WORDS
FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE IN MANY SITUATIONS WHERE YOU WILL HAVE TO TELL LIES
BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE
.....
KATSURAGI

TODAY YOU MET UP WITH AMAMIYA RINZABUROU, RIGHT?
.....
INDEED, I MAY NOT BE GOOD AT LYING...
CRASH

BUT YOU
I THINK YOU'RE EVEN WORSE.

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KATSURAGI.
ABOUT YOU BEING THE ILLEGITEMATE SON OF MY GRANDFATHER, IS IT TRUE?
AKIHITO-SAMA
DO NOT BE PROVOKED BY MY BROTHER
AS YOU REALIZE, HE DOES NOT LIKE THE KUZE FAMILY.

AND AMAMIYA
HE ADORED THE FORMER MASTER. SO THESE DAYS, HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE TO ENTER THE KUZE FAMILY.
SO FORGET HIS NONSENSE,
AND CONTINUE DOING THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE DONE UNTIL NOW.

THS ISSUE AFFECTS ME!!
THAT'S WHY...
YOU MUST ANSWER ME PROPERLY.

I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM YOUR OWN MOUTH!
NOT FROM OTHERS! ONLY FROM YOU!
SINCE WHEN WERE YOU AWARE OF IT?!
WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU DON'T HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO OBTAIN A HIGHER RANK AND WHEN YOU TOLD TAKAYUKI-DONO THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR FATHER IS, WERE THOSE ALL LIES?
YOU'VE BEEN...

...LYING TO ME ALL THIS TIME, RIGHT?
.....
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
AKIHITO-SAMA, PLEASE BELIEVE ME.
BELIEVE YOU?

YOU DON'T HAVE FEELINGS FOR ME, I KNOW THAT VERY WELL.
I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE A LONG TIME AGO
(Snicker)
BELIEVE YOU, YOU SAY?
I KNOW, BUT I STILL WANT TO BE BY YOUR SIDE.
SO I WENT AND MADE THAT DISGUSTING DEAL WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD HELP KEEP YOU HERE.
I SHOULD SETTLE THIS NOW AND TELL HIM THAT IT'S NOT TRUE
BUT IN THE END, IT MEANT NOTHING.

THAT SUCH A THOUGHT HAD NEVER CROSSED MY MIND.
.....
AKI-
BECAUSE, FROM THE BEGINNING...
...YOU WERE PLANNING TO GET RID OF ME!

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?
THE FIRST TIME I SLEPT WITH YOU
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE THAT TIME
YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY!
AFTER ALL...
NO WORDS CAME OUT
THOUGH I WANT TO SAY "IT'S NOT TRUE"
SO TELL ME...
SHOULD I BELIEVE IN YOU, AFTER ALL OF THIS?
NOTHING
IF I TELL YOU I'M GOING TO BELIEVE YOU, ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME EVERYTHING SOMEDAY?!
EVEN THOUGH AT THIS MOMENT...

...YOU'RE TRYING TO FOOL ME?
NO MATTER WHAT I SAY
HE'LL TAKE THEM AS LIES
HA
KATSURAGI
.....
I LOVE YOU.
I REALLY DO LOVE YOU.

WORDS I CAN'T PUT TOGETHER...
BUT...
...I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU.
NOT BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN THESE FEELINGS...

KATSURAGI-SAMA?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
tap
tap
PLEASE WAIT IF YOU INTEND TO GO OUT, LET ME BRING YOU YOUR COAT IMMEDIATELY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
LEAVE ME ALONE
closes
KATSURAGI-SAMA?

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE PLANNING ON GETTING RID OF AKIHITO-SAMA BEFORE HE INHERITS THE KUZE FAMILY.
YOU KNEW ABOUT YOUR PARENTS SHORTLY AFTER AKINAO-SAMA WENT TO KAMAKURA, AM I RIGHT?
TOMOYUKI-SAMA

THE FIRST THING YOU DID WAS
CHANGE KUZE'S FAMILY DOCTOR
YOU DID NOT USE THE OFFICIAL DOCTOR WHO HAD SERVED THE FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS
BUT RATHER ONE WHOM YOU COULD MANIPULATE WITH MONEY
WITHIN THE NOBLES, REGARDING THE SUCCESSION OF THE FAMILY,
THERE ARE CASES WHEN A YOUNG HOUSEHOLD HEAD MAY ASSIGN HIS POSITION, ALTHOUGH IT'S RARE,
FOR REASONS LIKE ILLNESS, MISCONDUCT, OR AS A FORM OF RETIREMENT

FOR EXAMPLE, THE REASON WHY YOU'RE NOT LIVING IN THE SCHOOL DORMITORIES
THE EXCUSE TOMOYUKI MADE FOR YOU?
THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE HE GAVE TO THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD WHEN YOU ENTERED COLLEGE...
THERE LISTED A NUMBER OF TERRIBLE ILLNESSES
KATSURAGI-SAMA WENT OUT A WHILE AGO...
WHAT-EVER.
I WILL RETIRE TO MY ROOM. DON'T LET ANYONE IN.
OPENS
MASTER!
?
MASTER?

AS A PROTECTION,
YOU NEEDED SOMEONE INFLUENTIAL WHO CAN CONFER RIGHTS AFTER THE "RETIREMENT" OF AKIHITO-SAMA
AND FOR THAT REASON, YOU BEFRIENDED MORIYAMA, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
DAMN... IT WAS A STUPID CONVERSATION.

I NO LONGER THINK OF THAT PLAN...
I HAVE LONG FORGOTTEN...
.....
TELL ME, SHOULD I BELIEVE YOU?
I'VE DONE TERRIBLE THINGS...
YOU'RE PLANNING ON GETTING RID OF ME!
YOU'VE BEEN LYING TO ME ALL THIS TIME?

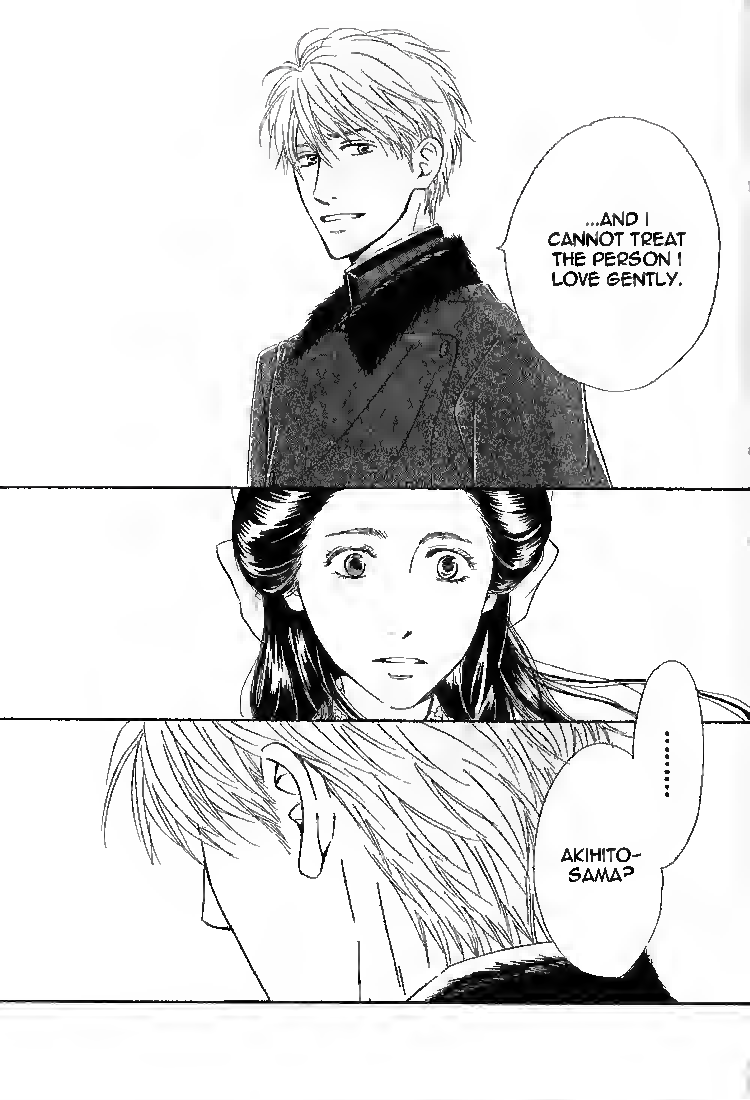
TERRIBLE THINGS.
!!!
ALL OF IT'S BECAUSE OF MY FOOLISHNESS.
BECAUSE OF MY SENSE OF INFERIORITY...

AKIHITO-SAMA.
...HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.

AKIHITO-SAMA.,
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T LOOK GOOD.
I HAVE TROUBLE SLEEPING THESE DAYS.
SOMETHING HAPPENED, AND I DON'T WANT TO RETURN HOME.
I AM STAYING IN A NARROW ROOM THAT A FRIEND LENT ME IN THE CITY, IN ORDER TO ESCAPE SOCIETY.
.....
.....

KIHITO-SAMA CAN JOKE...
IT'S A JOKE
OH
YOU'RE A STUDENT LEADER
AND TALKS ABOUT POLITICS IN GATHERINGS
IT'S QUITE UNEXPECTED
YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL, CHIKAKO-SAMA
WHEN I SEE YOU, I FEEL PEACE IN MY HEART.
.....

SO MUCH PEACE THAT IT TAKES AWAY THE UNCERTAINTIES IN MY HEART.
I FEEL LIKE I'M LOSING MYSELF.
CHIKAKO-SAMA.
I'M NOT THE PERSON YOU THINK I AM.
I HAVE A BIG EGO. I'M IMPATIENT AND IMMATURE,
AND THINKS ONLY OF MYSELF


...AND I CANNOT TREAT THE PERSON I LOVE GENTLY.
.....
AKIHITO-SAMA?

WHAT'S HAPPENING? IT LOOKS VERY BUSY HERE
IS THERE A GUEST?
busy
WELCOME YOUNG MASTER
MASTER HAD JUST FINISHED A MEETING
busy
MEETING, YOU SAY?
WHY AT HOME?
AH!
KATSURAGI

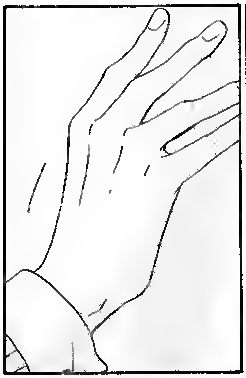
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
WHY ARE YOU IN MY HOUSE?!
I HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE MASTER.
BY THE WAY, SOUICHIRO -SAMA,
SOUICHIRO -SAMA?!
shiver
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING?
AKIHITO-SAMA HAS BEEN GOING OUT A LOT THESE PAST FEW DAYS
NO.
IS THAT SO?
WELL THEN, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE.
KATSURAGI,
CAN I HAVE A MOMENT WITH YOU?

SERIOUSLY...
I DECIDED TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU
BOTH OF YOU ARE A SERIES OF CONTRADICTIONS
WHAT YOU DO DOESN'T GO ACCORDINGLY WITH WHAT YOU SAY
sigh
stand
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I'M SAYING,
I DO NOT APPROVE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP.
KUZE IS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, AND SOON ENOUGH, HE'LL NEED TO HAVE A SUCCESSOR,
DON'T YOU AGREE?
slide
. . . . .
THE OLD ARISTOCRACY REFERRED TO AS FEUDAL NOBLES ARE NOT SPONSORED BY GOVERNMENT MONEY LIKE THE COURT NOBLES OR THE NEW NOBLES (TRADERS)
IF WE LET OUR GUARD DOWN, WE WILL GO DOWN
TO PUT THE FAMILY AS TOP PRIORITY, AKIHITO-SAMA UNDERSTANDS IT VERY WELL.
TO PROTECT OUR FAMILY...

INCLUDES PROTECTING OUR OLD PROTECTORS AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE FAMILY'S HONOR.
OBTAINING A HIGHER RANK IS NOT ONLY AKIHITO-SAMA'S PROBLEM.
YOU..
I REMEMBER KUZE TELLING ME THAT HE ADMIRED YOU
HE WANTED TO BECOME LIKE YOU
BUT IN MY OPINION, YOU ARE INTENSE...
TOO INTENSE
THAT I DON'T WANT TO BE WITH YOU FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR.
YOU'VE SAID IT ONCE BEFORE,

THAT MY PROBLEM WAS
THAT IF I DIDN'T CHANGE, AKIHITO-SAMA WOULDN'T CHANGE EITHER
IT'S TRUE,
THIS WHOLE SITUATION IS MY RESPONSIBILITY
KATSURA-SI, YOU...
SOUICHIRO-SAMA
I NEED YOUR HELP WITH SOMETHING.



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HE'S NOT IN HIS ROOM...
BUT EVEN IF HE WAS THERE,
WHAT WOULD WE SAY...
EVEN IF I CANNOT HAVE HIM...
IF AT LEAST HE'S BY MY SIDE,
I'D PREFER TO...
AFTER ALL...
THIS RELATIONSHIP IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BEGIN WITH
IF I TOUCH IT, I'LL WANT TO OWN IT...
COMPLETELY
I WAS HOPING THAT WE WOULD GET CLOSED IF WE SLEEP TOGETHER
...

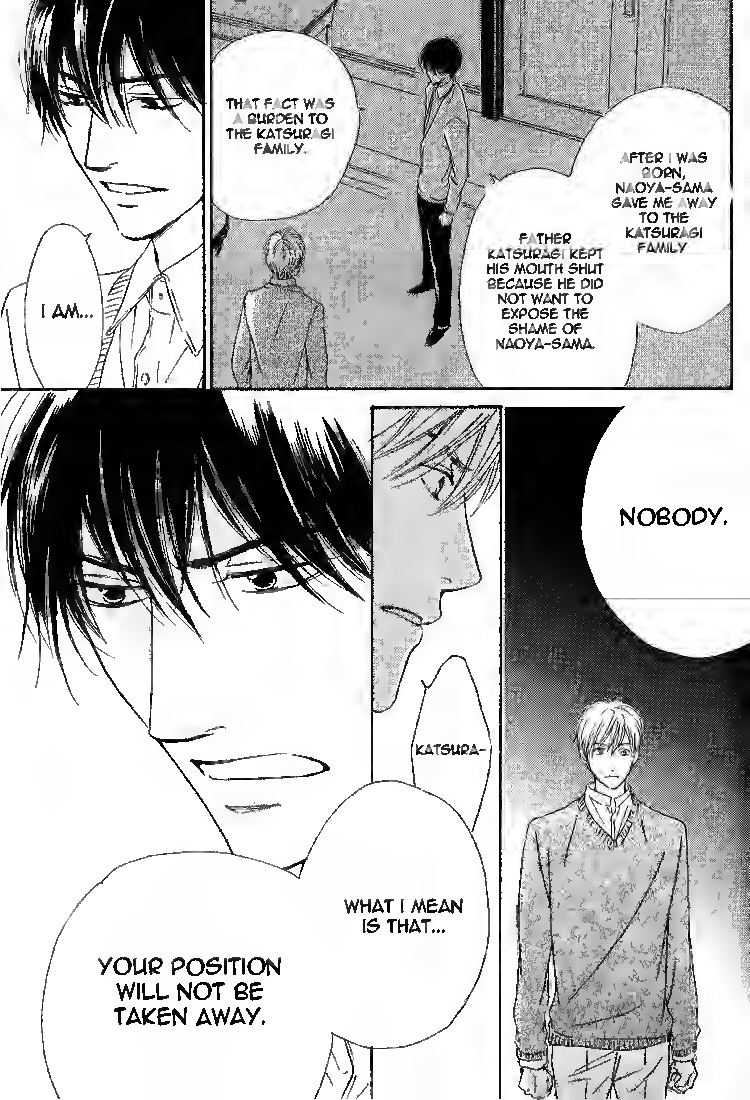
I JUST
IN THE PAST, I'D FEEL SUFFOCATED EVERYTIME I THINK ABOUT KATSURAGI.
THERE WERE TIMES THAT I FELT RELIEVED NOT SEEING HIM,
MY CHEST ACHE...
I COULD FEEL...
WHENEVER I BREATHE SLOWLY, ,
I LACKED AWARENESS THE SAME AS NOW...
BUT ..

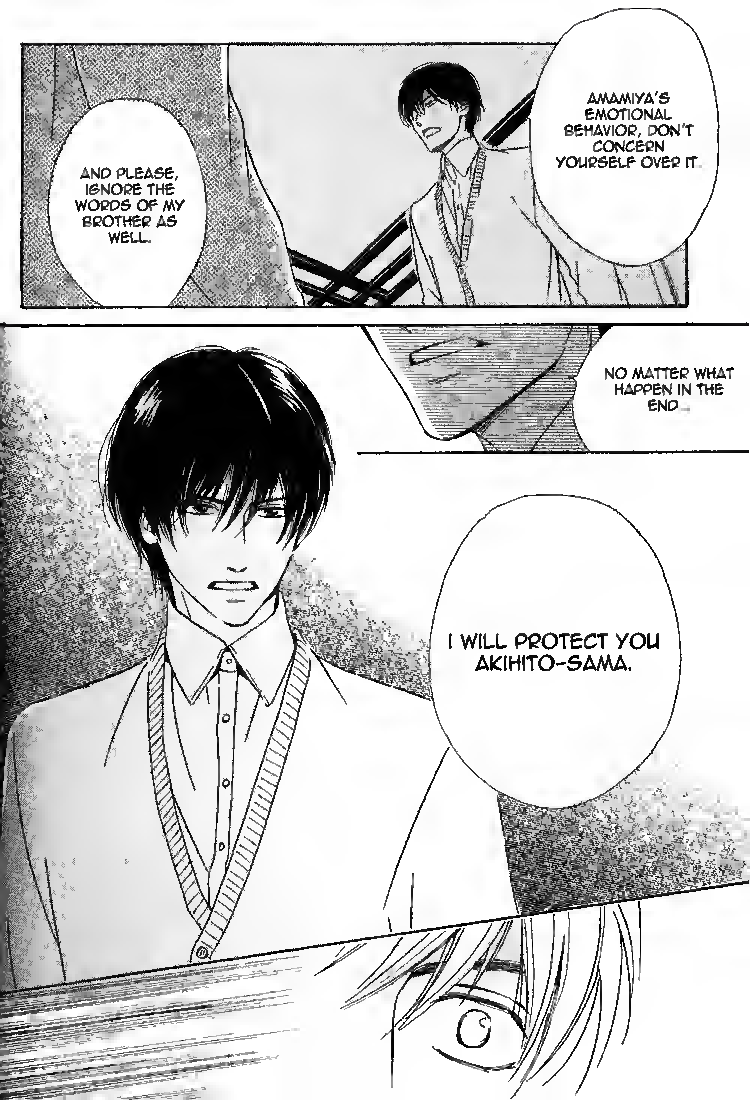
KATSURAGI...
B[illegible] BEFORE WHEN YOU WERE NOT AROUND EVEN IF IT S ONLY FOR A MOMENT
I FELT SO LONELY THAT I COULD BARELY TAKE IT
?
A LIGHT?
WHO CAN IT BE AT THIS HOUR?
KATSURAGI

.....
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU
.....
YOU'VE BEEN GONE A LOT
walks past
AKIHITO-SAMA.
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SERIOUS TALK WITH YOU
ABOUT MY MOTHER.

FROM THE HE..D SERVANT KIKU.
A LONG TIME AGO, I DISCOVERED MY IDENTITY FROM A TRANSCRIPT OF THE REGISTRY OF CONCUBINES
AT THAT MOMENT, I REALIZED THAT YOUR FATHER ABANDONED ME.
ISN'T IT STRANGE? I WAS REJECTED FOR BEING A DIRECT DESCENDANT.
EVEN SO..
I COULDN'T BE ANYWHERE ELSE OTHER THAN WITH THE KUZE.

MY BIRTH MOTHER WAS A GEISHA IN SHINBASHI
SHE WAS THE SECOND CONCUBINE OF NAOYA-SAMA
THAT'S TRUE.
ON THE OTHER HAND,
BEING AN ILLEGITEMATE SON OF NAOYA-SAMA OR NOT,
I STILL HAVE DOUBTS
WHY?
MY MOTHER...
SHE'D BEEN WITH A LOT OF MEN.
I GOT TIRED OF INVESTIGATING AND THEN STOPPED AFTER SOME TIME.
EITHER WAY...


I AM...
THAT FACT WAS A BURDEN TO THE KATSURAGI FAMILY.
FATHER KATSURAGI KEPT HIS MOUTH SHUT BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO EXPOSE THE SHAME OF NAOYA-SAMA.
AFTER I WAS BORN, NAOYA-SAMA GAVE ME AWAY TO THE KATSURAGI FAMILY
NOBODY.
KATSURA-
WHAT I MEAN IS THAT...
YOUR POSITION WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY.


AMAMIYA'S EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR, DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF OVER IT.
AND PLEASE, IGNORE THE WORDS OF MY BROTHER AS WELL.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPEN IN THE END...
I WILL PROTECT YOU AKIHITO-SAMA.

KATSU-RAGI!
WELL THEN
THESE ARE MY TRUE FEELINGS, WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THEM OR NOT
WHY DO YOU SEE EVERYTHING IN A NEGATIVE WAY?
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE THE BLOOD OF KUZE, RIGHT?
BECAUSE THEN...
YOU...
IF YOU HAVE IT...
.....

YOU AND I HAVE A BOND, HOWEVER SMALL.
IS IT NOT GOOD?
WE CAN'T..
STAY TOGETHER, NO MATTER WHAT WE DO BUT AT LEAST..
AT LEAST TO SOME EXTENT WE..
I WOULD AT LEAST...

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THE TWO ARE A SERIES OF CONTRADICTIONS ..
KATSURAGI

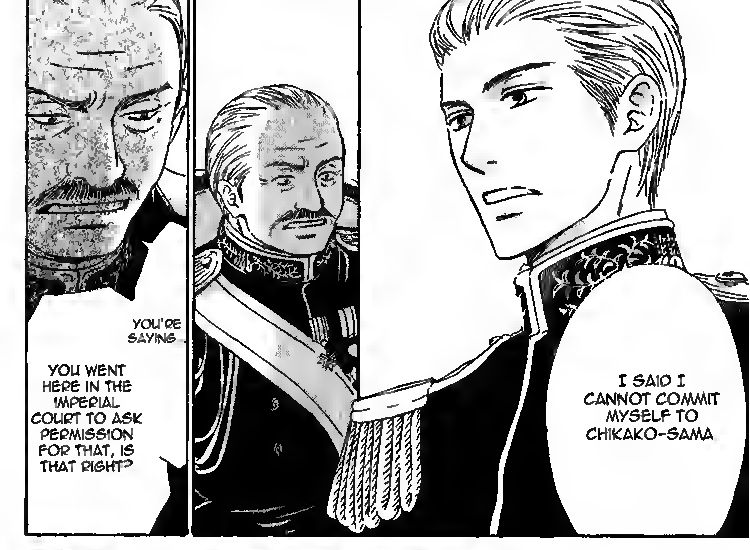
THE THINGS THEY SAY...
DO NOT GO ACCORDINGLY TO WHAT THEY DO...
AAAH~
haa
AAH~
KATSU RAGI...
ngh!

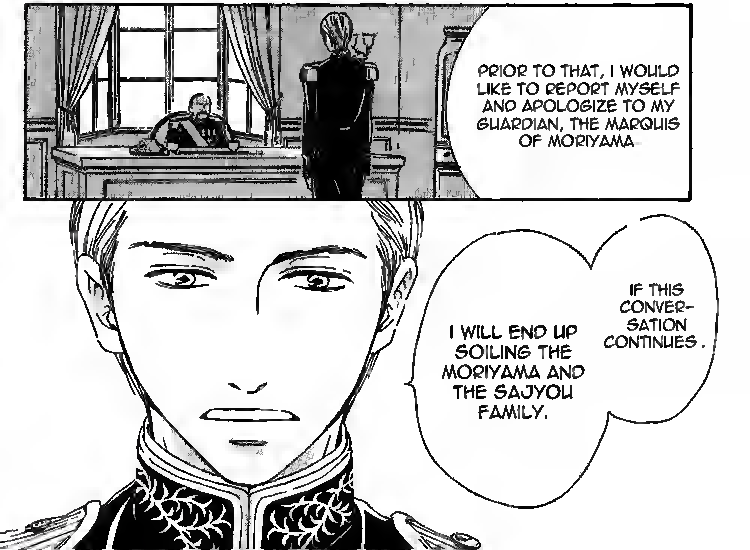
AAH
fuu
AH
THAT'S ENOUGH
ha
AH
AL-READY
AH
haa
haa
.....
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? ALL OF A SUDDEN
ah
haa
IT'S OKAY.
LET ME DO WHAT I WANT
AAH
ngh
JUST FOR TODAY.

creak
ngh!
kuh
aah
haa
KATSU RAGI..
SAY MY NAME...
Auuu
aah
haa
haa
LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE...
IF I LET OUT MY VOICE...
I CAN'T...
aah

IT'S OVERFLOWING
creak
KATSU-RAGI
GRAB
creak
aah!
aah!
aah!
ALL OF THESE EMOTIONS
aah!
KATSU-RAGI
KATSU-RAGI ...
SURELY

FINALLY...
I WAS ABLE TO CONVEY MY TRUE FEELINGS...
...I CAN'T HEAR YOU WELL...
CAN YOU SAY IT AGAIN VISCOUNT KUZE?


YOU'RE SAYING...
YOU WENT HERE IN THE IMPERIAL COURT TO ASK PERMISSION FOR THAT, IS THAT RIGHT?
I SAID I CANNOT COMMIT MYSELF TO CHIKAKO-SAMA


PRIOR TO THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT MYSELF AND APOLOGIZE TO MY GUARDIAN, THE MARQUIS OF MORIYAMA
IF THIS CONVERSATION CONTINUES.
I WILL END UP SOILING THE MORIYAMA AND THE SAJYOU FAMILY.

I KNOW MY ACTIONS ARE OUT OF LINE.
YES.
YOU BASTARD, DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO?
DOING SUCH A THING, I...
VISCOUNT KUZE!
YOU WOULD WANT ME TO WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY
EVEN UNAWARE AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, IF YOU WERE GOING TO DECIDE,
I...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAD GIVEN YOU SUPPORT, KUZE?
A NOBILITY THAT HAVE A TERRITORY SPONSORED BY THE EMPEROR, YOU THINK SUCH A THING CAN BE EASILY FORGIVEN?
WITH-DRAW YOU SAY?

THE KUZE FAMILY...
ALREADY HAS A SUITABLE SUCCESSOR.
IF I CONTINUE TO STAY BESIDE AKIHITO-SAMA...
MY TRUE FEELINGS WILL SOMEDAY EMERGE.
IF THAT HAPPENS.
20 YEARS.
...IS SUCH A SHORT TIME
FOR SURE...

I'M THINK OF LEAVING THE FAMILY AND THE TITLE TO
KATSURAGI TOMOYUKI.
I MIGHT NEVER...
BE ABLE TO LEAVE HIM AGAIN.
TO BE CONTINUED...

3巻です。やっとここまで来ました。がまだ続きます。

あともう少しおつき合いいただけると嬉しいです。

それではまた次巻でお会いしましょう!

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担当様には本当今回も御迷惑を
かけまくりでした。

OH NO!

THIS MANGA IS LICENSED!

THIS CHAPTER RELEASE
WILL BE DELETED IN A FEW MINUTES
SO READ AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

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JUST KIDDING!

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OR AM I?

FUFUFUFU XD

THIS IS THE EDITED VERSION OF

YNA CHAPTER 15

Thank you SM-san for the corrections!
Thank you C-san for the Sp scans!

- M